

HPMS MESSAGE TO PDPs
NOTICE OF ERRATA: “MEDICARE & YOU 2006” HANDBOOK

Please read this important message.

There is an error in the printed, area-specific versions of the “Medicare & You 2006” handbooks, which were mailed to people with Medicare in October. Starting on page 97-A, you’ll see a series of charts listing the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. The last column of the charts is called “If I Qualify for Extra Help, will My Full Premium be Covered?” **Due to an error, this column lists “Yes” for every plan.**

Action Needed: People with Medicare may call you, as they begin comparing plans and gathering information about joining a plan. **You must inform** people who qualify for the low-income subsidy if they will incur a premium, before they join your plan. **You also must inform** them that there are alternate plans available to them for no premium. If your organization offers another plan that would be available without a premium under the low-income subsidy, you may suggest that plan to people who qualify for the subsidy.

Medicare is working to make accurate information available about plans in which the full premium is covered for people who qualify for extra help. This information is available through the following resources:

- The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder on www.medicare.gov (starting October 17)
- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800 633-4227) TTY 1-877 486-2048
- State Health Insurance and Assistance Programs and other local partners
- Corrected versions of the Handbook at www.medicare.gov on the web by October 7

For more detailed questions and answers about this error, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/tools/materials/default.asp>.